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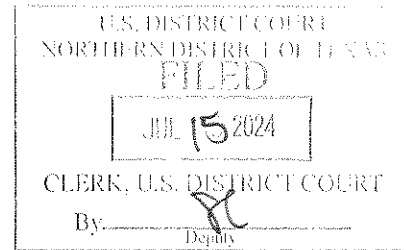
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United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas
Fort Worth Division

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Fort Worth, Texas 76102-3673

ATTN: U.S. Navy SEALs 1-26 v. Biden, Case No: 4:21-cv-01236, Objections to Proposed Class Settlement



Dear U.S. District Court Clerk:

As a member of this class, I am writing in opposition to the proposed settlement agreement. While the proposed settlement seeks to address some of the administrative harms suffered by class members, it falls far short of making members whole. Of more lasting significance, it fails to uphold the legal, ethical, and professional standards of military leadership and does not deter future violations of the Religious Freedom Restoration Act and the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution.

Under these medical mandates, members who expressed sincere, faith-based objections were subjected to segregation, discrimination, and harassment by their leaders and peers. They were denied professional opportunities and career progression that cannot be remediated by simple administrative corrections. Furthermore, untold numbers of service members were dissuaded from exercising their lawful rights by threats of these retaliations. Many of our comrades were thereby coerced into actions they believed to be wrong and/or dangerous, suffering moral and sometimes physical injury from the mandated procedures.

As a leader in our armed forces, I have been trained to accept responsibility for wrong actions, seek mitigations and preventions for such actions, and teach those that I lead to do the same. This proposed settlement avoids responsibility for wrongdoing, does not correct underlying issues, and fails to establish legal precedents and policy standards for future military and government leadership. For my part, I cannot accept the proposed settlement as an adequate response to the magnitude of wrongs that it should address. As leaders entrusted with supporting and defending the Constitution, we must do better.

I do not intend to appear at the Fairness Hearing for this settlement agreement. If there are further questions, I can be reached at aaron.d.pickett3.mil@us.navy.mil.

Very respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "A.D. Pickett", written in a cursive style.

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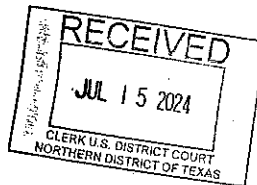
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